

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 16-20 and 22-24 are rejected as being unpatentable over Ray et al., European patent application no. EP1128316A1 in view of Suzuki, US patent 5,305,048 and Steinberg et al., USP 6,151,073. Each of claims 1-5, 7-9, 16-20 and 22-24, as now amended, is allowable because no combination of these references teaches or suggests all of the features recited in any of these claims. Specifically, amended claims 1 and 16 now require generating in-camera, capturing or otherwise obtaining in-camera a collection of low resolution images including said faces, wherein said determining corresponding image attributes is based on said low resolution images. This feature is not taught nor suggested by any of Ray et al., Suzuki, nor Steinberg et al. Claims 2-5 and 7-9 are allowable as being based on amended claim 1. Claims 17-20 and 22-24 are allowable as being based on amended claim 16.

New claims 39 and 40 are allowable as being dependent from amended claims 1 and 16, respectively. In addition, no combination of Ray et al., Suzuki, nor Steinberg et al. teaches or suggests tracking faces within a collection of low resolution images as recited at each of claims 39 and 40.

For the reasons set forth above, the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner's reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

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